

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 10, and 15, and add new Claims 17-46, to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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1. (Amended) A communication apparatus capable of accommodating a plurality of lines, comprising:

- a first communication unit connectable with a first communication line, capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and capable of communication with a remote partner;
- a second communication unit connectable with a second communication line, capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and capable of communication with a remote partner; and
- a detection unit for detecting actuating factors for said first and second communication units; and
- a controller for shifting said second communication unit from the standby state to the operating state in response to detection of the actuation factor for said second communication unit by said detection unit.

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5.5 B2> 10. (Amended) A communication apparatus capable of accommodating a plurality of lines, comprising:

a first communication unit connectable with a first communication line, capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and capable of communication with a remote partner;

a second communication unit connectable with a second communication line, capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and capable of communication with a remote partner;

a storage unit for storing data received by said second communication unit;

Ar a detection unit for detecting actuation factors for said first and second communication units; and

an output unit for outputting data received by said first and second communication units,

wherein when said first and second communication units are on standby, said first communication unit shifts from the standby state to the operating state to receive data in response to detection of the actuation factor for said first communication unit by said detection unit, and outputs the received data to said output means, and on the other hand, when said first and second communication units are on standby, said second communication unit shifts from the standby state to the operating state to receive data in response to detection of the actuation factor for said second communication unit, stores the received data in said storage unit

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and enables said first communication unit to shift from the standby state to the operating state,
and said first communication unit outputs the data stored in said storage unit to said output unit.

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15. (Amended) A communication apparatus capable of accommodating a plurality of lines, comprising:
a first communication unit connectable with a first communication line, capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and capable of communication with a remote partner;
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a second communication unit connectable with a second communication line, capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and capable of communication with a remote partner;
an input unit for inputting data;
an instruction unit for instructing the transmission of the input data inputted by said input unit; and
a controller for shifting said second communication unit from the standby state to the operating state in response to the instruction of said instruction unit during the communication by said first communication unit, and transmitting data.

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17. (New) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said controller shifts said first communication unit from the standby state to the operating state in response to detection of the actuation factor for said first communication unit by said detection

unit.

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18. (New) A communication apparatus capable of accommodating a plurality of lines, comprising:

a first communication unit connectable with a first communication line, capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and capable of communication with a remote partner;

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a second communication unit connectable with a second communication line, capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and capable of communication with a remote partner;

a detection unit for detecting actuation factors for said first and second communication units; and

an output unit for outputting data received by said first and second communication units,

wherein when said first and second communication units are on standby, said first communication unit shifts from the standby state to the operating state to receive data in response to detection of the actuation factor for said first communication unit by said detection unit, and outputs the received data to said output means, and on the other hand, when said first and second communication units are on standby, said second communication unit shifts from the standby state to the operating state to receive data in response to detection of the actuation factor for said second communication unit, and enables said first communication unit

to shift from the standby state to the operating state, and said first communication unit outputs the data to said output unit.

19. (New) A communication apparatus capable of accommodating a plurality of lines, comprising:

a first communication unit connectable with a first communication line, capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and capable of communication with a remote partner;

A4 a second communication unit connectable with a second communication line, capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and capable of communication with a remote partner;

a first controller for controlling said first communication unit, said first controller capable of reducing power dissipation on standby; and

a second controller for controlling said second communication unit, said second controller capable reducing power dissipation on standby,

wherein said first controller includes a detection unit for detecting actuation factors for the first and second communication units, and said second communication unit and said second controller shift from the standby state to the operating state in response to detection of the actuation factor for said second communication unit by said detection unit.

5.5 C1 > 20. (New) The communication apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein

said first communication unit and said first controller shift from the standby state to the operation state in response to detection of the actuation factor for said first communication unit by said detection unit.

21. (New) The communication apparatus according to Claim 19, further comprising a storage unit for storing received data and an output unit for outputting the received data, wherein after said second communication unit and said second controller shift from the standby state to the operating state and data received in said second communication unit is stored in said storage unit, said second controller outputs an actuation factor to said first controller so as to output the received data to said output unit and said first controller shifts from the standby state to the operating state.

22. (New) The communication apparatus according to Claim 19, further comprising an output unit for outputting received data, wherein after said second communication unit and said second controller shift from the standby state to the operating state, said second controller outputs the actuation factor to said first controller so as to output the received data to said output unit and said first controller shifts from the standby state to the operating state.

23. (New) The communication apparatus according to Claim 19, further comprising an input unit for inputting data and an instruction unit for instructing transmission of the data inputted by said input unit, wherein said first controller shifts the second communication

unit and the second controller from the standby state to the operating state in accordance with an instruction by said instruction unit.

5.6 B5 } 24. (New) A communication method capable of accommodating a plurality of lines, comprising the steps of :

connecting a first communication unit with a first communication line, the first communication unit being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and being capable of communication with a remote partner;

A4 connecting a second communication unit with a second communication line, the second communication unit being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and being capable of communication with a remote partner; and

detecting actuating factors for the first and second communication units; and

shifting the second communication unit from the standby state to the operating state in response to detection of the actuation factor for the second communication unit by said detection step.

5.6 C1 } 25. (New) The communication method according to Claim 24, wherein said detection step detects an actuation factor in response to detection of a call signal from the second communication line.

26. (New) The communication method according to Claim 24, wherein said detection step detects an actuation factor in response to the key input by a user through an operation unit.

27. (New) The communication method according to Claim 24, further comprising a detecting step of detecting, by using a document sheet reading unit, an actuation factor in response to detection of a document sheet in the document sheet reading unit. ✓

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29. (New) The communication method according to Claim 24, further comprising a step of supplying power, by using a power source, to the second communication unit, the step of supplying power being capable of switching whether or not power is supplied to the second communication unit, wherein the first communication unit enables the power source to start the power supply to the second communication unit in response to detection of the actuation factor by said detecting step.

30. (New) The communication method according to Claim 24, wherein the

second communication unit suspends supplying a clock signal to the second communication unit itself on standby, and starts supplying the clock signal to the second communication unit itself in response to the actuation signal from the first communication unit. ✓

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32. (New) The communication method according to Claim 24, further comprising a second detecting step of detecting the actuation factor with respect to the first communication unit, wherein the first communication unit is provided with a low power dissipation control unit operating even on standby, and wherein the first communication unit shifts to the low power dissipation state on standby, and the low power dissipation control unit causes the first communication unit to shift to the operational state in response to the actuation signal from said second detecting step.

33. (New) The communication method according to Claim 24, wherein the shifting of the first communication unit from the standby state to the operating state occurs in response to detection of the actuation factor for the first communication unit by the detection

step.

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connecting a first communication unit with a first communication line, the first communication unit being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and being capable of communication with a remote partner;

connecting a second communication unit with a second communication line, the second communication unit being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and being capable of communication with a remote partner;

A₄ storing data received by the second communication unit;

detecting actuation factors for the first and second communication units; and

outputting data received by the first and second communication units, wherein when the first and second communication units are on standby, the first communication unit shifts from the standby state to the operating state to receive data in response to detection of the actuation factor for the first communication unit by the detection step, and outputs the received data to said output step, and on the other hand, when the first and second communication units are on standby, the second communication unit shifts from the standby state to the operating state to receive data in response to detection of the actuation factor for the second communication unit, stores the received data in a storage unit and enables the first

communication unit to shift from the standby state to the operating state, and the first communication unit outputs the data stored in the storage unit to the output unit.

505 C1 } 35. (New) The communication method according to Claim 34, wherein the second communication unit sends out the actuation signal to a detection unit after the completion of data reception.

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37. (New) The communication method according to Claim 34, wherein the data is outputted to a printer. ✓

38. (New) The communication method according to Claim 34, further comprising a second detection step of detecting an actuation factor for the second communication unit, the second communication unit being capable of reducing the power dissipation on standby, and shifting from the standby state to the operating state in response to detection of the actuation factor in said second detection step.

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39. (New) A communication method capable of accommodating a plurality of lines, comprising the steps of:

connecting a first communication unit with a first communication line, the first communication unit being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and being capable of communication with a remote partner;

connecting a second communication unit with a second communication line, the second communication unit being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and being capable of communication with a remote partner;

inputting data;

instructing the transmission of the input data; and

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shifting the second communication unit from the standby state to the operating state in response to the instruction of an instruction unit during the communication by the first communication unit, and transmitting data.

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40. (New) The communication method according to Claim 39, wherein said data is input by a scanner. ✓

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41. (New) A communication method capable of accommodating a plurality of lines, comprising the steps of:

connecting a first communication unit with a first communication line, the first communication unit being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and being

capable of communication with a remote partner;

connecting a second communication unit with a second communication line, the second communication unit being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and being capable of communication with a remote partner;

detecting actuation factors for the first and second communication units; and

outputting data received by the first and second communication units, wherein when the first and second communication units are on standby, the first communication unit shifts from the standby state to the operating state to receive data in response to detection of the actuation factor for the first communication unit by a detection unit, and outputs the received data, and on the other hand, when the first and second communication units are on standby, the second communication unit shifts from the standby state to the operating state to receive data in response to detection of the actuation factor for the second communication unit, and enables the first communication unit to shift from the standby state to the operating state, and the first communication unit outputs the data to the output unit.

42. (New) A communication method capable of accommodating a plurality of lines, comprising the steps of:

connecting a first communication unit with a first communication line, the first communication unit being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and being capable of communication with a remote partner;

connecting a second communication unit with a second communication line, the second communication unit being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and being capable of communication with a remote partner;

controlling by a first controller the first communication unit, the first controller being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby; and

controlling by a second controller the second communication unit, the second controller being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby,

wherein the first controller includes a detection unit for detecting actuation factors for the first and second communication units, and the second communication unit and the second controller shift from the standby state to the operating state in response to detection of the actuation factor for the second communication unit by the detection unit.

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43. (New) The communication method according to Claim 42, wherein the first communication unit and the first controller shift from the standby state to the operation state in response to detection of the actuation factor for the first communication unit by the detection unit.

✓ 44. (New) The communication method according to Claim 42, further comprising steps of storing in a storage unit received data and outputting using an output unit the received data, wherein after the second communication unit and the second controller shift from the standby state to the operating state and data received in the second communication unit is

stored in the storage unit, the second controller outputs an actuation factor to the first controller so as to output the received data to the output unit and the first controller shifts from the standby state to the operating state.

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45. (New) The communication method according to Claim 42, further comprising a step of outputting received data, wherein after the second communication unit and the second controller shift from the standby state to the operating state, the second controller outputs the actuation factor to the first controller so as to output the received data to an output unit and the first controller shifts from the standby state to the operating state.

46. (New) The communication method according to Claim 42, further comprising steps of inputting data and instructing transmission of the data inputted by an input unit, wherein the first controller shifts the second communication unit and the second controller from the standby state to the operating state in accordance with an instruction by an instruction unit.